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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AAFLI COUNTRY PLAN FOR 1978-79

1. WE UNDERSTAND AID/W HAS TRANSMITTED AAFLI'S PROPOSED COUNTRY PLAN FOR SRI LANKA TO YOUR AID STAFF, WITH REQUEST THAT MISSION COMMENTS AND APPROVAL BE SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON BY MARCH 22. I ASSUME AID STAFF HAS DISCUSSED AAFLI'S PROPOSALS WITH YOU. SHOULD YOU DETERMINE THAT ANY OF AAFLI'S PROPOSALS, OR ITS ENTIRE PROGRAM FOR THAT MATTER, IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH OUR POLICY OBJECTIVES IN SRI LANKA OR WILL PRESENT DIFFICULTIES FOR US DURING GSL'S ATTEMPT TO REFORM TRADE UNIONS, YOU SHOULD PRESENT JUSTIFICATION IN YOUR AID STAFF'S RESPONSE FOR OUR SEEKING TO ELIMINATE THOSE PROGRAMS.

2. WE ESPECIALLY ARE CONCERNED WITH AAFLI'S STATEMENT THAT
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ITS PROGRAM "HAS BEEN FORMULATED WITH A VIEW TOWARD EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES WITH PARTICIPATING LABOR ORGANIZATIONS" AND THAT "SUCH AN EXPANSION WILL EVENTUALLY REQUIRE STATIONING A RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN SRI LANKA, POSSIBLY IN 1979." VANCE

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